

DENTAL HYGIENIST II

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible professional dental work providing dental hygiene procedures, and administrative work developing and implementing dental health education programs.

Work involves responsibility for the performance of professional dental work which includes scaling of teeth including subgingival regions and root planing with hand and ultrasonic instruments; polishing all exposed tooth surfaces with motor driven and hand instruments in oral prophylaxis procedures. Work also includes developing and implementing a variety of dental health education programs; acting as a dental health consultant to schools, community organizations and other interested groups; providing resource materials for schools, community organizations and other interested groups; demonstrating new dental preventive methods to Health Department personnel and to the public. General supervision is received from the Dental Division Manager with work being reviewed in the form of adherence to dental practices, reports and public comment. This classification is differentiated from the Dental Hygienist I by the development of community educational programs.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Performs routine dental procedures such as scaling of teeth including subgingival regions and root planing with hand and ultrasonic instruments; polishes all exposed tooth surfaces with motor driven and hand instruments in the oral prophylaxis procedure.

Demonstrates new dental preventive methods and procedures to other dental hygienists, dental assistants, other Health Department personnel, and to the general public.

Develops community-wide dental health education programs; prepares and distributes dental health educational and informational materials; evaluates the effectiveness of programs and materials.

Plans and coordinates community dental surveys including reviewing, recording and interpreting data collected.

Acts as a dental health consultant to public health personnel, school personnel, and interested community groups and organizations; makes presentations on dental health topics to schools and community groups and organizations.

Develops and maintains cooperation between public, civic, professional and voluntary agencies engaged in dental health related activities.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of the applications, practices and techniques of dental hygiene and the profession of dentistry.

Considerable knowledge of dental instruments, supplies, equipment and medications; sterilization techniques and their applications; and of radiation hygiene and hazards.

Considerable knowledge of modern education practices, techniques and philosophies as they relate to dental health programs.

Considerable knowledge of current community dental health problems and the organizations which deal with those problems.

Considerable knowledge of the methods, practices and techniques used in ascertaining dental health problems and educational needs.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to plan, formulate and execute public dental health education programs.

Ability to relate to people of all ages in such a manner as to obtain their confidence and establish rapport.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, subordinates, public officials and the general public.

Ability to present complex information and terminology in understandable, non-technical language.

Ability to operate autoclaves, x-ray machines and related equipment.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a school for dental hygienists accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners and experience as a dental hygienist; plus graduation from an accredited four year college or university supplemented by a Master's degree in dental hygiene, health education, adult education or related field and experience in community health education, school health education or

adult education.

Membership in the American Dental Hygienists Association.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school for dental hygienists accredited by the Nebraska State Board of Dental Examiners and experience as a dental hygienist; plus graduation from an accredited four year college or university with major course work in dental hygiene, health education, adult education, or related field and experience in community health education, school health education or adult education; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which would provide the desirable knowledges, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Licensure as a Dental Hygienist by the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid State of Nebraska driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Approved by: _____
Department Head

Personnel Director

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